

SENATE RESOLUTION 60

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Debra Steen on her selection as the 2022-2023 Michie Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Debra Steen is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Steen has been selected as the 2022-2023 Michie Elementary School Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessee public school educator for thirty-six years, Ms. Steen currently serves with acumen and alacrity as a seventh- and eighth-grade science teacher, in which position she works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Freed-Hardeman University and a Master of Education degree from Bethel University; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her community, Ms. Steen is an active member of the National Reading Association; she has also attended and presented at several conferences throughout her tenure, in addition to receiving numerous grants and awards for her classroom; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Steen was an Agriculture in the Classroom Outstanding Teacher Award winner from 2010 to 2016, a 2016 American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture White Reinhardt Scholarship Award winner, and a 2017 Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture National Award winner; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Steen serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Debra Steen truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Debra Steen on being chosen as the 2022-2023 Michie Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.